

Mr. Wallis Comments on W. H. S. Future

Everyone seems to be curious about the changes which have been made and which are going to be made this year.

The interview served the purpose of informing the school on these events.

The first question we asked Mr. Wallis was whether or not the school would lose its accreditation by December. He replied that this was "non-predictable." We received

last December continued accreditation for a limited term of one year by the New England Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. This should have ordinarily been a ten year extension if the school were in good enough shape physically. Membership is extended generally for a 10 year period. He stated three things that may happen in December; 1) The commission called extends the accredita-

tion further, which is doubtful, 2) or they may put the high school on probation (this is most likely; it means we must show definite promise in our plans to build a new school), 3) or drop our membership completely. Mr. Wallis said that there were encouraging signs for the possibility of a new school.

Our next question was regarding the capacity of the school. The building was

made to accommodate approximately 750 pupils maximum; it's presently accommodating 1023 students. This is obviously a great overcrowding. Portable classrooms are necessary and had planned to be ready for occupancy by October 1, but have been delayed. There should be at least four arriving and they will be put out back behind the shop.

Concerning the new methods being tried this year, Mr. Wallis said that his reasons for discontinuing x-period was that it was too much wasted time in the morning, since, in his opinion, the mind is most alert in the

morning. The early time should be put to constructive use. The portable classrooms will allow activities to meet during the day. He also mentioned that as enrollment increases the possibility of double sessions become a greater possibility.

Mr. Wallis feels that the school spirit is generally very good. He realizes that the great overcrowding affects disposition, but he has seen no great evidence of any serious unrest. He hears "gripes" from the student council and from individuals and also from observing the attitudes in assemblies and at games.

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SOPH OFFS

by Laurel Sorenson

This year is going to be a great year for the sophs - they have some good officers to lead the class! The head of the group is Frank Nagorka, president; and he is followed by Elaine Roy, vice-president; Maureen Mulligan, secretary; Pat Trant, treasurer, and Sue Alger, historian.

All of them are working hard to decide on the class colors, motto, mascot, etc. Suggestions are welcome, so come on, sophomores, get your ideas in! The election will take place after Thanksgiving, and all contributions will have to be in before Thanksgiving. The officers are also working on the activities for the year, which include; of course, the One Act Plays, Charity Dance, and the Class Activity for the year. Again, suggestions are welcome - so let's go!

SENIORS START

The first Senior Class meeting of the year came to order with a big round of applause when President Debbie Patryak said, "We're finally Seniors."

Vice President, Daniel Raposo, spoke to the class about caps and gowns and the reasons for the new seating plan in assemblies.

Debbie returned to the podium and gave the class schedule stressing that all dates and activities are subject to change.

October - Magazine Drive
October 25 - Senior masquerade
November - Hootenany at Devenos
December - one act plays
January - vote on class gift - Winter Carnival
February - Charity drive
March and April - Planning Senior-Junior Prom
May - Senior-Junior Prom
June - 11th-Graduation

The meeting was ended with a big hand for "Bentley." The end of the meeting was the start of active leadership to WHS by the Senior class.

Seniors, we can top our goal in the magazine drive, and we can leave Westfield High with fond memories of our class.

So Seniors, LETS GO!

The year will be a big, busy one for the Senior Class.

Experienced Staff Members Join W. H. S.

Mr. Fitzgerald, a new history teacher, was born and raised in Springfield, Mass. He received his college education at A.I.C. Mr. Fitzgerald coached for two years at Gardner Mass. High School, and as most of you know, he is now head-line Coach for our football team.

Mr. Fitzgerald says he likes Westfield High students very much and enjoys teaching here.

Mr. Moriarty was born in Holyoke but now lives in Westfield. He is one of the new English teachers at Westfield High.

Mr. Moriarty attended the University of Massachusetts, A.I.C., Westfield State, and Boston University. He likes Westfield High School students very much, but dislikes the crowded conditions.

Mr. Parent came to us from the Westfield Junior High School. He received his B.A. at Our Lady of the Elms College, his masters at Westfield State, and his Master of Art at the University of Mass.

Besides teaching history, Mr. Parent's other interests are minerals and golf. He enjoys teaching the "more mature" Westfield High School students.

Mrs. MacLeod, the new Art teacher was born in Melrose, Mass. She went to Mass. College of Art. After college Mrs. MacLeod taught at eleven different schools - the last one being Duggan Junior High School.

Mrs. MacLeod says the students are polite and very interesting to teach. She is also interested in car racing.

Mr. Otis was born in Springfield. He attended A.I.C. and the University of Conn. Mr. Otis last taught English at Chicopee Comprehensive, he found the students very similar to Westfield High. He feels the Westfield High students have good spirit and cooperation.

Mr. Newcomb has chosen Westfield High School, where he teaches World History and English, as the place to begin his teaching career. He was born in Salem, Mass. and attended Boston University and Hartford Seminary. He enjoys traveling and thinks Westfield High School is "wonderful".

Mr. Piper has taught in Granby, Conn. and at Gateway Regional. He is now teaching problems and World History at his alma mater. After graduating from Westfield State Teachers' College and the University of Mass. Mr. Piper enjoys boating, fishing, camping, and teaching at Westfield High School.

Mr. Pearson, a native of Springfield, is the new teacher in our Chemistry department. He attended Hampden County College of Pharmacy and Westfield State Teachers' College, where he received his masters. Mr. Pearson has taught in West Springfield and Chicopee. He enjoys bowling and shooting at the local rifle club.

Who Will It Be In '68



Seniors Cited

At N. H. S. Assembly



Miss Sutcliffe awards Joe Tufts National Honor Society Membership.

On Friday, October 4, a special assembly honored those seniors and juniors who have striven for and attained academic excellence. Mr. Wallis began by saying a word about taking your education seriously. He cited the importance of a purpose in life and how to go about fulfilling it. Then the names of the seniors selected for membership in the National Honor Society were announced by Miss Frances Sutcliffe, faculty adviser. These honor students were presented with a gold pin and a provisional membership card, which may become a life membership next June if the members continue to fulfill all the requirements. At that time they will wear the gold stole of an honor graduate of Westfield

High School, their names will be starred on the graduation program, and their diplomas will bear the gold seal of the National Honor Society.

Those named to provisional membership in the Honor Society were: Alan Baird, Deborah Baker, Linda Bush, James Cherbonneau, Bruce Dewey, Sherrie Hitchcock, Ann Horak, Michael Kay, Richard Nowak, Allan Okscin, Claire O'Neil, Deborah Patryak, Lois Pitoniak, Philip Saltus, William Sharpe, Lance Tomei, Dimitra Tsatsos, Joseph Tufts, Mary Wiley, Deborah Williams, and Linda Wright. Also recognized were those juniors and seniors who placed in the top twenty percent of their class in 1967-68. They were presented a sweater emblem.

PLAYS PLANNED

The annual Westfield High One Act Play Contest is to be held Friday, December 13, in the High School Auditorium.

Every year, Westfield High School holds inter-class competition in one act plays. The proceeds from this contest goes to the Citizen's Scholarship Foundation.

The classes were given the rules for this years competition Monday, October 14. This will give approximately two months for preparation of the plays. The Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors have all chosen their directors. Though none of the classes have chosen a play yet. The Sophomore class director is Mrs. McAffrey. The Junior class is led by Mr. Chandler. The Seniors have chosen Mrs. Brainerd as their director.

This year all three classes

In an effort to improve the quality of the Westfield Herald, we urge students to submit stories and photos to the Herald staff.

will be getting advice from Mr. Lynch, who is in charge of the Dramatic Society. Mr. Lynch has very kindly offered his services as consultant to any class who needs help.


I'm sure all of the students and teachers at Westfield High will attend the one act play contest. It's for a very good cause and is sure to make a very interesting evening. See you there.

More one act play information in the next issue of the Herald.

Dance Anyone?

This year's Senior Masquerade was sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Department and was held Saturday, October 26, from 8 to 11:30 in the Trade High gym. All seniors, and seniors only, from Westfield High, St. Mary's, and Trade High were invited. No one without a costume was admitted. Various committees from each school worked on decorations, advertisement, and tickets.

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Very Truly Yours

by Jaine Erickson

The school newspaper is more representative of the whole school than any other single faction. Any student may participate in its production and any student or teacher may voice an opinion in it. Every facet of school life is given attention to in one of the paper's eight issues.

A person may join the press club at anytime during the school year. Membership in it provides the student with a unique learning experience because he can try his hand at every phase of production of the paper. Advertising, photography, reporting and layout are just a few of the fields he can gain experience in from working the paper.

In the editorials anyone may express an opinion, criticize, praise or make a suggestion. A person may hand in a formal editorial as such or he may write informal letters to the Editor. Students gain new perspective and insight into problems from hearing other peoples opinions.

A student is able to read about school events and activities in his paper. Many activities which would never gain recognition in a city newspaper are reported on in a school newspaper.

The school newspaper does play a very important role in school life. As you can see, you as a member of the student body are a very important ingredient for guaranteeing its success as a better newspaper for this great school.

Very truly yours

Better Grades Anyone?

by Michael Livingston

thinking that good grades will make you unpopular. If you have the intelligence to get good marks, then you should apply it to your school work; and if your friends rib you about your sudden switch in grades and show other forms of envy which you dislike, leave them and make friends who realize the importance of good grades.

Look on your books not as a boring necessity of school but as an opportunity to better yourself when you get out of school. Pretend your books are fiction if need be; and read them as such, but remember important details.

Listen to what the teacher says so that he may clarify certain doubts in your mind and others. If you have such doubts, don't be afraid to ask the teacher. The teacher may also have bits or sources of knowledge which are not contained in the book. These bits of knowledge may be useful in tests and quizzes with which he may surprise you.

Most important of all,

Think for even if you apply the previous hints, they are meaningless unless you follow this one. This is done mainly by applying such knowledge that you have, to that which you have gained previous, and by asking questions to conquer the doubts that might arise from your application of your knowledge.

These hints may not work for everyone because everyone has a different attitude and personality, but they should work for people who want to improve themselves.

LETTERS
TO THE EDITOR

This column will be devoted to letters or opinions from students or teachers on any and all Subjects. In this column a person may air a certain gripe, make suggestions, make criticism, praise, or inform. Letters should be brief and to the point and they should be signed. They may be left with Mr. Burke in the cafeteria, Susan Fulton in homeroom 303, or Jaine Erickson in 109. A box will soon be provided in the library for the collection of Letters to the Editor.

Dear Editor:

Westfield High School has adopted a new time schedule and bell system this year. The seven class periods are now each fifty minutes long. Previously there were seven forty-five minute periods and an activity or homeroom period. But actually how valuable is this additional five minutes in each class as compared to the forty-five minutes in homeroom period? What difficulties have been caused by this new system?

Under the new system, confusion is created every time an assembly is scheduled. The school must revert to an old schedule—the a.m. or p.m. schedule. The a.m. schedule has eight periods; homeroom period is first. The

p.m. schedule also has eight periods. The seventh period comes first, and homeroom period comes last. Teachers who have planned to use the full fifty minutes for a test or lesson are thrown off schedule. Students, wondering which class period comes next, roam about the school. Disorder exists everywhere.

The homeroom period served as a valuable study hall. Pupils did their homework. Students who had been absent could make-up tests. Teachers could give extra help to students.

This change has also cut out important extra-curriculars. These extra-curriculars provided fun and valuable learning experiences. Certain clubs, such as the glee club, have been cancelled this year. Other clubs which met in this homeroom period now meet after school. Some students have had to quit these clubs which meet after school. Jobs interfere; transportation poses a problem.

Many difficulties have been created by this new time schedule. Confusion exists when there is an assembly. There is a loss of student participation in beneficial extra-curriculars. Is the extra five minutes in each class really worth it?

Rosemarie Fisher

N. H. S. Requirements

A candidate for National Honor Society must have a blanket-B average during his Sophomore and Junior years at Westfield High School. This means that if he has a C for a final mark in one course, he must have an A for a final mark in another course. Two A's are necessary to overcome a D. An A in a ¼- or ½-credit course counts as ¼A or ½A.

The candidate will have no E's on his report card, and he should have no unsatisfactory effort marks on his report card.

The candidate will not have dropped a course after having been in it for one marking period. It will be assumed that the reason for dropping the course was failing grades.

All courses which count for graduation also count for National Honor Society. However if a course is being repeated, the mark for the second year will not be considered by National Honor Society. The candidate must pursue at least four full-credit courses in his Senior year.

The candidate will have a record of good citizenship and behavior in the school.

If in any quarter a Senior who is a member of the National Honor Society falls below the standards on which his selection was based, he will be promptly warned. He will receive only one warning letter. If his work does not improve by the next marking period, he will be dropped from membership.

It is important to realize that not all Seniors who appear to meet the qualifications may be chosen for membership in September. Since by a poor performance in the work of the Senior year he runs the risk of losing his membership, his selection may be delayed until February or May. This gives the candidate

ample time to prove his capabilities, especially if he is on the borderline to success. Once a member has been dropped from membership, he is never again eligible.

A member of the National Honor Society who moves to another town or city may transfer his membership by letter and will be immediately received by the local chapter in his new school. However a Senior who has not previously been a member of NHS will have to wait at least two marking periods in order to establish his eligibility in this school.

The faculty adviser of NHS reviews the grades of all Seniors in every marking period, and of all Sophomores and Juniors at varying intervals throughout their high school careers. If you have any questions about your eligibility or what you should do to become eligible, be sure to ask questions of Miss Sutcliffe in room 108 at any time.

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A new feature will be added to the Westfield Herald this year. "BUTTONS AND BOWS" will answer your letters of woe, give advice on how to patch up your love life, and in general, comment on almost any subject that will make life a little more bearable for you. Just address your letter to "BUTTONS AND BOWS", and leave your problem in the box placed in the Library. We will be glad to help you with your problem.

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What's It All About

by Campy '70

Millions of Sophs this year
(we've been invaded)

We have fire doors
(The school may burn down, but
the fire doors will stand for-ever.)

X period is gone

Seventh period is quieter this year
(instead of goofing everyone
takes naps)

Jackie married a Greek playboy
(just what I wanted, a Greek
playboy)

The Westfield High Band and three little
Polish girls met Senator Muskie.
(do I ever envy them or maybe
I envy Senator Muskie)

One Act Plays on December 13.

Friday the 13th?
(Juniors will win all awards)

Miss Randali goals good
(you ought to play football
with her)

Anybody want to buy a magazine subscription?
They're building a pool across the street
(the sidewalk's in great condition)

The Tigers won the series
(and I lost my 2,335th bet...
I went Cards)

NEWSPAPER HEADLINES:

Le May "Outranks Wallace
(so what else is new?)

GOP WHIZ Kids Cocooning Spiro Agnew
(that's a perfect place)

Sen. Dirksen's fans remain loyal
(it's the singing that got them)

Green Girls Are Capped at Hospital
(is a Green Girl anything
like a Purple Con?)

Brook Boosts Nixon
(that's just what Nixon needs...)

Elston Howard Calls It Quits
(end of a great career)

Cards Head for Japan
(after the series they've probably been
deported)

Bruce

As I slither down the 'ole Tiber in my W.H.S. motor launch searching hither and yon, through every all-night discoteque for the illustrious champion of liberty exiled in 'ole Roma. In East Peruvia and Upper Cambodia, the natives have spoken of how he kept them meamerized for many moons with his uncanny skill in oratory and debate. The Wallobee Tribesmen related in the strictest confidence how he organized the elders of the tribe into the "Warrior Council." (This group has been known to sponsor many initiation luau's and clam-bakes for the novice basket-weavers.)

His exploits in Europa are even more awe inspiring. The golden and mellow tones which maggle out from within the innermost sanctum of his Stoic French Horn calmed the rioting students of La Sorbonne. As I head southward to the Concert Halls of Berne I finally caught a quick glimpse of him as he auditioned for the A.C.C.S. (the all-Canton Choral Society) crooning "Ave Jude." After this performance I was able to speak with him; "Mr. Dewey how have you been, kid?" "Just terrific!" he answered. "It is a glorious day for the world. I've just been elected Philosopher King of Arruba."



Bruce Dewey

Congratulations but aren't you planning to come back to the hallowed halls of W.H.S.?

"Yes in due time, but there are many secrets yet untold!"

And with that he fled out the door and hailed a Hansom Cab. As he rode off I heard him say, "For there are many promises which I must keep!"



Debby Patryak

Debby

It is a clear, sunny day with a mountain breeze blowing across Hampton Beach as I, Louie, float high above the senior class president of Westfield High School. Looking back on the past three years, I recall Deb's many well-earned accomplishments. As a sophomore I saw her as vice-president of the developing class of '69. It was a busy year with Latin Club, German Club, and class activities taking up most of my flying time. The next year was even worse. Deb was elected president of the junior class. If you think I got any exercise during that year with Student Council, Drill Team, Glee Club, and the Dhylinns Club receiving all of Deb's attention, forget it.

But thoughtful, as she is, Deb did not forget that I existed. During the summer she'd whip me out and take me to Boston or to our favorite place-Hampton Beach. While she was flying me, she developed an interest in watching and symbolizing the waves. Deb also likes to meet new people and eat! She never stops eating.

The summer is ending. This will probably be my last day at the beach for another year, for school begins soon. I hear that the senior year is the most exciting year of one's life. Deb will be involved in all kinds of activities and forget about me, but I don't mind. The winter is too cold-my tail gets frozen. So until next summer, when Deb drags me out of hibernation again, I'll say good-bye.

Whispered, Seen, Heard

Hi Kids,

Glad to see everyone back after the summer, especially the BOMBERS!! With Coach Mulvaney, we hope to see a winning team. Keep up the good work Bevie, Tuftsie, Mos, Chris, Dave, Mike, Lenny, Tiny, Joey S., Ralph, and Tom L.

Let's really hear you kids at the games, and YELL!!! Especially you seniors!

Welcome Silly Sophs - you were great sports at the dance. Even Pat J. and Maureen M!

Hey Mr. Fitzgerald, how did you really get that black eye!

What's the big attraction at Hampton Beach? Ask Deb and Kit!

Glad to see Nadine & Bill, Debbie & Steve, Stan & Kaye, Anne & Jeff, Janet & Steve, Toni & John, Judy & Dennis, Diane & Pete, Debby & Mike, and Charlie & Sue, made it thru the summer OK!

About those soccer games! Let's see more smiling faces out there supporting our team!

We see that Tripp is still "Hagan" around!

Mickey R., how've you been "Phelon" lately?

on their mascot, but where is it???

Seniors!! - the magazine drive is this month - let's see you at the Masquerade and Hootenaney too!

Joanie - where's "Obie?" You missed him again!

We see that Pam P. has gotten "Rich" quick, Not Bad!!!

Where was Dave Loiko when he got 2 flat tires? Now Dave!!!

Jose has his eye on a "new girl." Watch out Chris!

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BOMBER SPORTS

Football Team Shows Potential Under New Coach

by Brian Lewis

Team impresses in 12-6 loss to Chicopee

This year Coach Mulvaney took over as football coach upon the retirement of Coach Bill Jenkins. Coach Reopold returned as back coach, Steve Satori and Bruce Fitzgerald are the new line coaches this year.

The Bombers won their



Here come the Bombers!

first game under new coach Lawrence Mulvaney. Gary Bevilacqua completed the 1st five passes he threw; one a 70 yard touchdown pass to

Chris McGavin. Westfield then went on to win the game 20-12.

West Springfield, led by quarterback Mike Ryll, marched 72 yards in the 3rd quarter of the 2nd game to go ahead 22 to 20. In the final quarter, Westfield drove from its own 11 yard line to the West Springfield 14 yard line. On 4th and one, Len Phelon dove into the West Side line and missed getting a 1st down by less than an inch. West Side then took over the ball for the last few minutes.

In the third game against Tech--Chris McGavin gained over 160 yards in the course of the game; however, Tech managed to win the game in the final seconds.

Gary Bevilacqua and Chris McGavin each scored two touchdowns as Westfield shut out Mt. Anthony 36-0. To the crowd's delight Randy Funkhouser broke loose for a 73 yard run and later scored from the eight yard line.

Although the club lacks depth, there are a number of experienced players on the team led by tri-captains; Gary Bevilacqua, John Moson, and Joe Tufts.

Cross Country Organized

by Ed Boyle

This year, a Cross Country Team was organized in Westfield High School by six interested boys, 5 seniors, and 1 junior. Under Mr. Reigh Rix, their coach, they defeated Gateway Regional High with a score of 26-29, and lost to Southwick High 24-34.

At the Southwick meet the Westfield standouts were Jim Gusek-third, Alan Baird-fourth, Mike Rood-fifth, and Bob Grace-tenth. Bert Cashman was not able to take one of the ten places existing on a cross country run. The distance covered is 2.5 miles and the first man across the finish line gets 1 point, second gets 2 points, etc. The low team score wins.

At the Gateway meet Jim Gusek took second, Alan Baird took third, Mike Rood took fifth, Dan Fountain took sixth, and Bob Grace took seventh. Although just organized, the team hopes to have a good season representing Westfield High School.

Leaders Corps Replaces Student Leaders In G.A.A.

by Virginia Harlow

This year with the aid of the new Leaders Corps, the Girls Athletic Association hopes to offer more activities and plans to devote more time to each. The Leaders Corps will replace last years Student Leaders program. All members are expected to supervise intramurals for at least 10 hours after school. This will give an equal opportunity to the instruction of competitive and non competitive sports after school, and should relieve the coach of a conflicting schedule.

Among the new intramurals to be introduced are badminton and judo.

Once again the girls are to be found on the track risking life and limb while dodging football players, soccer players, and the drill team. Do you wonder what they're up to? They are participating in the unusual activity, "Run for Your Life" (What else?). This year something new has been added. The goal of 100

miles has been set for each girl to reach at the end of the year. There will also be a race between the Red and White teams, to see which one makes it to San Francisco by May. Each week the total will be charted on a map. Let's make it to Chicago before the snow flies!

September 27, between 6 and 9:30 P.M., the GAA sponsored a city wide candy drive for the benefit of the cheerleaders, drill team and Girls Athletic Association. Our thanks go to those drivers and girls who helped on the project.

Also those elected to fill vacancies on the board are Seniors--Pat Bash, Sheila Mahoney; Juniors--Kathy Bannish, and Pam Dowd.

Officers of the GAA Board are:

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